

And Jesus Went Into The Temple (Mark 11:15-19)

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Imagine if you will a rather well-known, yet renegade preacher that happened to come into our sanctuary on any given Sunday morning. And while we were

going through our usual routine of worship he gets up and begins to turn over our altars, throw our songbooks, disable our speakers and cause all manner of havoc. I am sure if only one were still in the building, that he would have your undivided attention. Well that was the experience of the worshippers in Mark 11. When Jesus came to church that day he was not happy with what he found. What if he came to our home Sanctuary? our heart

I. The Scene He Encounters at the Sanctuary

The Passover was at hand and the Temple area would have been filled w/ Jews from all over, come to offer sacrifice and worship. ^{imagine the scene} Right in

A. A Degraded Scene - The word used for Temple means sacred ground indicating the outer court, court of Gentiles. Although it was the court of Gentiles it was still sacred ground and yet the scene that Jesus Enc

ounters was a circus-like atmosphere. This outer court was intended to be a place of prayer and preparation before continuing deeper into temple area. Now it was foul with stench

replaced of all reverence and respect as the place of God
B, A Disregarding Scene - It had become
disregarded as a place worship not only
by the secular market entrenched there but
as vs 16 tells us it was being used as a
by path to get from one place to another.
Then the Outer Court one could get from the
eastern part of city to mount of olives in good
time. Application: lets say Jesus is walking
thru church heart. Is it a worldly circus
in there, also church or christianity a short cut to eden
end.

II. The Sin He Exposed at the Sanctuary
I've never been in a church service where
names were called and things got real personal well

A. The Greed that was Stopped - What was
going on here was pretty outrageous. Jews were
coming in from all over the world. It would
be a pilgrim bring an animal all that way and
it be rejected by priests. But you can buy a
Temple approved animal at a raised cost. Have foreign
currency. No Problem. Well change that for
a small administrative fee. Doves were to
be the sacrifice for poorest of poor also an out
rageous markup. The greed of religion. Consequences

B. The Game that was Ceased - This
wasn't about worship any more!
This had become a game. A game of
easy money, a game of the sellers
doing their dead level best to get

1) ...our heart sanctuary? Would he react the same way? What would he find? Every believer can learn four primary lessons about what should and should not be found in our home sanctuary and our heart sanctuary by closely studying the text before us tonight.

2) ...Well that's what happened here. Things got real, real personal.

1) Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

2) Psalms 141:1-2 LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

everything out already strapped pilgrim
and the pilgrim fighting and haggling will
to be had. What has church become to you
is it a competition, is it a social event, is it
a game? is it a business as usual? Can't
praise, respect, admiration, responsibility?

III. The Summary He Expounded at the Sanct.

Like I said before, he had the peoples
undivided attention. Now w/ every eye
in the court on him it was time to teach.

A. A Biblical Summary - The Lord
Jesus reached back into the OT ^{Ps 134}
A place of prayer. A place where all
attention is focused on God, the Lord,
heroring, serving, listening to the Lord. A
place where God is called on. The Jews
were interested in sacrifices. God was interested
in different kind of sacrifice. Prayer ^{Ps 141}
Where is your focus. This house our focus
is on the Lord. Your heart focus on the Lord.

B. A Blistering Summary - Jesus
had just walked from Service to Temple
A place notorious for thieves and robbers.
Jesus is hinting that there are worse bandits
at the temple than in and among the rocks
of the Service road. G. Campbell Morgan
Points out that the den is the place where they
themselves hide/take cover. Their religion had
become a cover for wicked deeds. Are you tillage?

to use the grace of God as a cloak of Malice

IV The Stir He Erupted at the Sanctuary

When lay. Jesus could shuck it right down to the collar. And just like it would happen here it caused a stir

A. A Revue Erupted - 2 Tim 4:3 reminds us that in this latter day that men when confronted with the truth of God just will not take it. Well here we find this in the former days as well. They howled up at the rebuke of God's word. Jesus had not brought his opinion but exactly God's word. When it comes to the word of God, I have and will do my best simply to deliver the message and let the chips fall. It depicts

B. A Revelation Erupted - These scribes and priests were afraid because Jesus had lifted the cloak of deception off of them. The the word of God the revelation of God was being revealed to them and it was am. Yea that makes since moment. Cuthbert writes what a commentary upon the type of teaching they had been receiving, dry, formal, stereotyped, w/o power, above their heads

V. Closing. (kick over, alter, throw back papers) do this what it will take to get our attention. Believe me you would rather me do it than Jesus disrupt your life. What did Jesus find tonight

1) 2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2) ...if it upsets your apple cart the your apple cart was due for an upsetting! I hope to God that He allows me to preach the word so truthfully and strenuously that it is a duck or pucker type reaction and no one can be just be blasé about the message!

3) ...above their heads, and the powerful, simple, interesting, thought-arresting teaching of our Lord." May that same teaching be found at this house and in your heart!